



## 2009 United States Senate Youth Program

**\$5,000 College Scholarship, PLUS**  
**All Expenses Paid Week in Washington D.C.**

**Funded by the William Randolph Hearst  
Foundation**



**Coordinated through the State Department of Education (SDE)**

### **Timeline for Scholarship Program**

**September 1-5, 2008**

**SECONDARY PRINCIPALS:** Every Idaho secondary school principal will receive EXAM MATERIALS, timeline schedule, and instructions from the SDE no later than September 12, 2008.

**\*Principals**, please assign a person at the school to act as the **“TEST ADMINISTRATOR”** who will be responsible for **1)** administering and **scoring** the exam, **2)** administering the written essay questions, and **3)** forwarding all student exam materials to the SDE.

**October 6–10, 2008**

**TEST ADMINISTRATOR:** Display an announcement, your selected DATE OF EXAM, and eligibility qualifications (*Junior or Senior grade status AND must hold an elective or selective office*). Announce Program numerous times prior to the exam to encourage participation, including the exam date and exam location.

**October 13-17, 2008**

**TEST ADMINISTRATOR:** Administer **Timed Exam** to eligible students and **score results**. Score carefully as 100 points are possible. Top two (2) scores on exam will take Essay Portion of Program.

**October 20-24, 2008**

**TEST ADMINISTRATOR:** Administer **Timed Essay Portion of Program** to the two (2) top scoring students (exam scores). Essays may be handwritten or typed, depending upon your circumstances. Be sure to have students write their name and school name at the top and also the number of the essay question they are addressing.

**October 31, 2008**

**TEST ADMINISTRATOR:** **Deadline to postmark ALL exam materials** for two (2) top scoring students (Essay, Scored Exam, State-level Student Form, and Student Information Cover Sheet). **Mail to:** Katherine Weatherspoon, US Senate Youth Scholarship Program, State Department of Education, PO Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0027.

**November 10-14, 2008**

USSYP State Selection Committee will evaluate individual essays.

**December 8-12, 2008**

**Hearst Foundation** notifies SDE of Idaho's (2) delegates and alternates.

**December 15-19, 2008**

SDE notifies students and schools of delegates and alternates.

**March 7–14, 2009**

Idaho delegates participate in Washington, D.C. Week and each will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship from the Hearst Foundation.

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